

## II. Amendments to the Claims

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1. (Currently Amended) An incontinence article, comprising:

a front portion;

a rear portion joined to the front portion; and

a bumper extending along an entire edge of ~~positioned on~~ at least one of the front portion and the rear portion.

2. (Original) The article of claim 1, further comprising a front guard extending from the front portion, wherein the bumper is positioned along a top edge of the front guard.

3. (Original) The article of claim 1, further comprising a back guard extending from the rear portion, wherein the bumper is attached along a top edge of the back guard.

4. (Original) The article of claim 1, wherein the bumper is positioned along a top edge of the front portion.

5. (Original) The article of claim 1, wherein the bumper is positioned along a top edge of the rear portion.

6. (Original) The article of claim 1, wherein the bumper is a block.

7. (Original) The article of claim 1, wherein the bumper is a roll.

8. (Currently Amended) An incontinence article, comprising:

a front portion having a front guard extending therefrom;

a rear portion having a back guard extending therefrom;

a crotch portion between the front portion and the rear portion; and

a bumper extending along an entire edge of ~~positioned on~~ at least one of the front guard

and the back guard.

9. (Original) The article of claim 8, wherein the bumper is positioned along a top edge of the front guard.

10. (Original) The article of claim 8, wherein the bumper is positioned along a top edge of the back guard.

11. (Original) The article of claim 8, wherein the bumper is a roll.

12. (Original) The article of claim 8, wherein the bumper is a block.

13. (Original) The article of claim 8, wherein a first bumper is positioned along a top edge of the front guard, and wherein a second bumper is positioned along a top edge of the back guard.

14. (Currently Amended) An incontinence article, comprising:

a front portion;

a rear portion having a back guard extending therefrom;

a crotch portion between the front portion and the rear portion; and

a bumper extending along an entire edge of ~~positioned on~~ at least one of the front portion and the back guard.

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15. (Original) The article of claim 14, wherein the bumper is positioned along a top edge of the back guard.

16. (Original) The article of claim 14, wherein the bumper is positioned along a top edge of the front portion.

17. (Original) The article of claim 14, wherein a first bumper is positioned along a top edge of the back guard, and wherein a second bumper is positioned along a top edge of the rear portion.

18. (Original) The article of claim 14, wherein the bumper is a roll.

19. (Original) The article of claim 14, wherein the bumper is a block.

20. (Currently Amended) An incontinence article, comprising:

a front portion having a front guard extending therefrom;

a rear portion;

a crotch portion between the front portion and the rear portion; and

a bumper extending along an entire edge of ~~positioned on~~ at least one of the front guard and the rear portion.

21. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 20 ~~21~~, wherein the bumper is positioned along a top edge of the front guard.

22. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 20 ~~21~~, wherein the bumper is positioned along a top edge of the rear portion.

23. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 20 ~~21~~, wherein a first bumper is positioned along a top edge of the front guard, and wherein a second bumper is positioned along a top edge of the rear portion.

24. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 20 ~~21~~, wherein the bumper is a roll.

25. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 20 ~~21~~, wherein the bumper is a block.